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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8 and bridging over to page 9 as follows:

(Currently amended) On the other hand, comparatively light or fine dust particles such as loose dust are shifted to the vicinity of the center of the dust collection container 15 with such comparatively light or fine particles being mixed in the vortex flow, and then allowed to go up within the dust collection container 15, following the ascent of the vortex flow. A majority portion of the ascending vortex flow is allowed to pass through the first vent hole <del>21formed</del> 21 formed at the lower part of the vortex flow generating member 18 positioned thereabove, while a minority portion thereof is allowed to pass through the second vent hole 22 formed on the side surface of the vortex flow generating member 18. At this moment, comparatively light or fine particles included in the vortex flow are collected by the flitters filters 23, 24 attached to the first and the second vent holes 21, 22, respectively, while finer particles that passed through these filters 23, 24 are captured by the filter 26 of the filter member 27 provided above the vortex flow generating member 18.